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SUBJECT: SADDAM HUSSEIN SPEECH

REF: BAGHDAD 492, 509, 511

1. IN RARE PUBLIC SPEECH ON TV SEPT 24 RCC VP SADDAM HUSSEIN ADDRESSED CONFERENCE OF "PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL AND NATIONALIST FORCES" WHICH HAD MET TO DISCUSS BAATH DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR KURDISH AUTONOMY (BAGHDAD 509). MAIN POINTS WERE:

2. DISTINCTION MUST BE MADE BETWEEN KDP AND KURDISH PEOPLE; BAATH IS LEADER OF ALL IRAQIS, NOT JUST ARABS; BAATH IS AT HELM OF POLITICAL POWER; AND IT IS INADMISSIBLE TO THINK BAATH CAN BE PARTY TO DISPUTE WITH KURDISH PEOPLE. HE MADE NO MENTION OF CONTENTS DRAFT PROPOSAL.

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3. LATTER HALF OF SPEECH WAS CONDEMNATION OF "SCHEMINGS AND PLOTTING OF IMPERIALISTS" AGAINST IRAQI REVOLUTION, INCLUDING FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON RECENT GROUP MURDERS: "RECENT CRIMES, CONTRARY TO WHAT SOME PEOPLE ASSUME, ARE NOT SADISTIC CRIMES, BUT CRIMES COMMITTED BY TRAITGOUS AGENTS WHO HAVE SOLD THEMSELVES TO FOREIGNERS, THEY WILL BE DETECTED AND SEVERELY PUNISHED."

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